



Paul Earl Riddle

March 5, 1960 - January 6, 2026

Paul Earl Riddle, born March 5, 1960, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, passed away on January 6, 2026, in West Plains, Missouri. Though his final days were spent in Missouri, Earl's heart and soul were forever tied to the Sunshine State, with Florida running through his veins, Earl lived a life of energy and adventure, embodying the spirit of a true Floridian. In his youth, he wrestled alligators and raced motorcycles on flat tracks, earning a reputation for being "hell on wheels" with anything that had a motor. His passion for four-wheelers remained a constant source of joy throughout his life.

Earl met the love of his life, Lora, in Florida, and the two were married on November 24, 1979. Together, they shared 46 wonderful years of marriage, filled with adventure, laughter, and unwavering companionship. Earl and Lora's journey was marked by hard work and dedication, especially in the construction industry where Earl was renowned as one of the best equipment operators on any job site. He also took pride in running dump trucks, always approaching his work with skill and commitment.

Known for his fun-loving nature, Earl was a master of pulling pranks and enjoyed teasing those around him, especially his beloved Jamie. His sense of humor, generosity, and zest for life left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Earl was the kind of man who would lend a hand to anyone in need, making friends wherever he went and brightening the lives of those around

him.

Earl is survived by his devoted wife Lora; daughters Wendy Riddle, Brandy Moloney, and Jamie Riddle; siblings Jim, Sandy, Larry, and Robert; grandchildren Savanna, Paislee, Hudson, and Cheyenne; and numerous other cherished relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Nell and Paul Eugene Riddle, his mother-in-law Rosa Lee Stubblefield, as well as other beloved family members and friends.

A private celebration of Earl's remarkable life will be held at a later date, to be determined. Earl's legacy of laughter, kindness, and adventure will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Always Faithful Memorial Services, West Plains, MO

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“ I didn't know Earl very well, but my husband and son did, and shared many fun times together. Bill passed away in 2018 and I reside with Robert here in Fort Pierce. The Riddle family will always have a place in our hearts and memories.

Chris Vaughn (Bill's wife and Robert Vaughn's Mom)

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Earl's passing. Growing up in the same neighborhood in Florida I have lots of fond memories of Earl. He hung out with my older brothers (Keith and Mark) mostly as they're closer in age, but I always remember Earl being nice to me and a funny guy. He was the one who showed me how to open a beer bottle using the tailgate of an F-150! I loved the times we all loaded the pickups with our dirt bikes and 3 wheelers headed out west where the mud was plentiful. Such good times. My deepest sympathies and condolences to the Riddle family during this tough time.

Earl, thank you for the memories and god speed. Until we meet again..

Kevin Wisell

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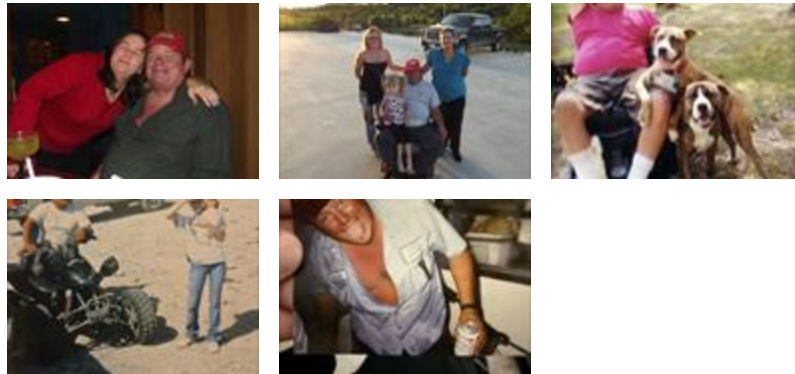
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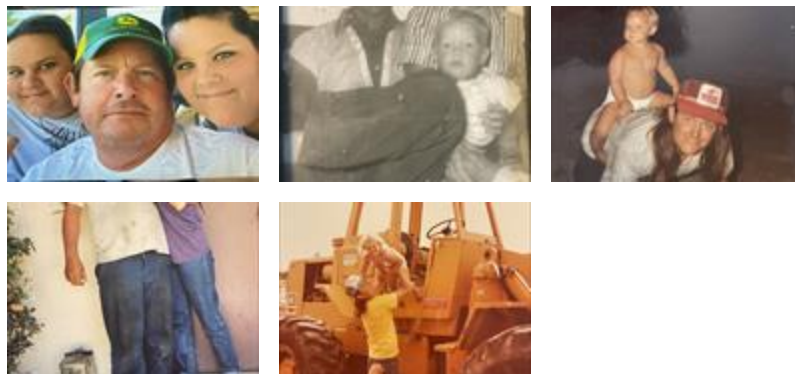
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